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MINUTES

Thursday, April 13, 2006 Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374 A

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

John Hybarger, Chairperson
Douglas Drummond
Timothy Jones
Brad Nuremberg

STAFF PRESENT

Peter Papadakis
Garen Khachian

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hybarger called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2006 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Nuremberg, the Commission unanimously approved the January 12, 2006 minutes.

GAME BIRD HERITAGE SUMMARY– NICHOLAS BECHTEL, STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Mr. Bechtel, Special Hunt Coordinator, reported the program's primary focus is on safety and first time hunters. There was 168 hunting parties in which 65 were first time hunters. Mr. Bechtel informed the Commission about a statewide computerized stamping system implemented to ensure the validity of first time hunters participating in the program. Commissioner Nuremberg asked what happens when participants register for the program and fail to attend. Mr. Bechtel advised participants that promise but fail to attend will be recorded in a database and will not be invited to attend subsequent hunting events.

Commissioner Jones inquired about ideas for increasing the number of active applicants. In response to Commissioner Jones, Mr. Bechtel reiterated the value of the information database and reported the State of California has reduced the quota requirement for supporting the program.

BIGHORN SHEEP CENSUS REPORT – CHANELLE DAVIS, STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

- Thirty-five sheep are collared with twenty-six sheep documented in three out of

four targeted mountains (Cucamonga Peak, Mount San Antonio, and Iron Mountain).

- Nine mortalities were reported and future captures are planned for this fall.
- Access to routes was more difficult than expected for the volunteers, but the experience was worthwhile.

TWO GRANT REQUESTS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:

1. **\$2,500 TO PURCHASE CATFISH TO STOCK CERRITOS LAKE FOR THE JUNE 3, 2006 'KNABE KATCH' FISHING DERBY EVENT AT THE CERRITOS REGIONAL PARK; AND**
2. **\$2,500 TO PURCHASE CATFISH TO STOCK LA MIRADA LAKE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2006 'KNABE KATCH' FISHING DERBY EVENT AT THE LA MIRADA PARK**

Gail Tierney, Senior Deputy, Fourth Supervisorial District, provided an overview of the 2006 'Knabe Katch' fishing events and its benefit for the public's well-being and educational experience in outdoor recreational activities. This year's events project a total of 800 - 1,100 people including foster families, neighboring schools and the general public.

On motion of Commissioner Drummond, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved recommending the Board of Supervisors approve grant requests for \$2,500 each to provide catfish to stock the lakes for the June 3, 2006 'Knabe Katch' at Cerritos Park and the September 23, 2006 'Knabe Katch' at La Mirada Park.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

- Commissioner Jones mentioned the possibility of producing a PDF file of the Los Angeles County Firearm Closure Map.
- Commissioner Jones commented on seeking alternative sources and possible solutions for the plight of California reef fish along the coast of Los Angeles Country.
- Commissioner Jones commented on holding a "Youth Day" where inner city kids from all Supervisorial districts could visit a National Forest for a day of fun and occupational opportunities. Chairperson Hybarger questioned the mode of transportation to be provided for this event and the surrounding liability of transporting a large number of children. Commissioner Jones stated two organizations arranged transportation with buses belonging to the organization.
- Commissioner Nuremberg commented on the difficulty of tracking Fish and Game fines.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff reported the March 31, 2006 account balance of \$74,731.13 does not reflect the deposited amount of \$8,939.30 and outstanding encumbrance amount of \$5,000.00; the actual fund balance is \$78,670.43.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported Information Resource Management will train the Commission liaison to update the Fish and Game website as needed.

Matters not Posted (To be Briefly Discussed and Placed on the Agenda for a Future Meeting)

Commissioners Drummond requested the Commission to report on the Los Cerritos Wet Lands Land Trust for Long Beach and Seal Beach organization dedicated to Preserving and Restoring the Estuary of the San Gabriel River.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Forgy, San Gabriel Quail Unlimited, asked when the Los Angeles County Firearm Area Closure Map will be available online. Commissioner Jones advised it will be made available as soon as possible barring any logistical issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

